

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph, after the title, with the following, with additions indicated by underlined text:

This application is a national stage filing of and claims priority to PCT/EP2004/07519, filed July 8, 2004 and claims priority to German Patent Application 103 32 564.6 dated July 11. 2003, and claims priority to USSN 10/806,867, filed March 23, 2004, which in turn claims priority to U.S. Pat. No. 6,723,094, issued April 20, 2004 which in turn claims priority to PCT/EP99/10079, filed December 17, 1999 which in turn claims priority to DE 198 58 599.3, filed December 18, 1998.

Please replace the abstract with the following, with modifications indicated by underlined text:

Abstract

The invention concerns a surgical probe having electrodes for use in tissue ablation or coagulation. The probe has hollow spaces therein for delivering a cooling fluid to the probe. The probe has a handle and shaft and two axially-spaced electrodes on the surface of the shaft, separated from each other by an insulator.